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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1.	**Notifying Member:** EUROPEAN UNION **If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):**
2.	**Agency responsible:** European Commission EU-TBT Enquiry Point, Fax: +(32) 2 299 80 43, E-mail: grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.eu Website: https://technical-barriers-trade.ec.europa.eu/en/home
3.	**Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], 3.2 [ ], 7.2 [ ], Other:**
4.	**Products covered (HS codes or national tariff lines. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Electrical and electronic equipment
5.	**Details of notified document(s) (title, number of pages and languages, means of access):** Draft Commission delegated directive amending Annex III and IV to Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards exemption points for lead and cadmium in certain electrical and electronic equipment; (6 page(s), in English), (21 page(s), in English) **Link to notified document(s) and/or contact details for agency or authority which can provide copies upon request:** https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/TBT/EEC/26_03602_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/TBT/EEC/26_03602_01_e.pdf European Commission EU-TBT Enquiry Point Fax: + (32) 2 299 80 43 E-mail: grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.eu The text is available on the Website: https://technical-barriers-trade.ec.europa.eu/en/home
6.	**Description of content:** This draft Commission Delegated Directive concerns applications for specific and temporary exemption from the RoHS 2 (Directive 2011/65/EU) substance restrictions. The criteria for granting renewal are mostly met and it is proposed to renew and amend certain exemptions under the Annex III and IV of the Directive 2011/65/EU.
7.	**Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Adaptation of the Annexes to scientific and technical progress in order to allow innovation without compromising the objectives in Article 1 of the Directive 2011/65/EU.; Protection of human health or safety; Protection of the environment

8.	**Relevant documents:** Five scientific background studies evaluating the specific exemptions are available at https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/252f2c11-c577-11ea-b3a4-01aa75ed71a1/language-en, https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/0c46722c-9523-11ec-b4e4-01aa75ed71a1/language-en, https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/65558f0a-b61f-11ec-b6f4-01aa75ed71a1/language-en , https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/1b624121-8272-11ed-9887-01aa75ed71a1/language-en and https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/708d9a2a-26e1-11ef-a195-01aa75ed71a1/language-en. **Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2011 on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment:** http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1438768100804&uri=CELEX:32011L0065
9.	**Proposed date of adoption:** September 2026 **Proposed date of entry into force:** 20 days from publication in the Official Journal of the EU (about three months after adoption approximately)
10.	**Provision of comments** **Final date for comments:** 8 September 2026 **[X] 60 days from notification** **Contact details of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification:** European Commission, EU-TBT Enquiry Point, Fax: + (32) 2 299 80 43, E-mail: grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.eu